

## 9 FAM Appendix C, KAZAKHSTAN

(TL:VISA-486; 11-07-2002)

### RECIPROCITY

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Visa	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [A]
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
B-1	\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B][C]
B-2	\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B C, D, E]
B-1/B-2	\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B, C, D, E]
C-1	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-1/D	N/A	N/A	N/A
C-2	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B, C]
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [A]
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
H-1B	\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B, C]
H-1C	\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B, C]
H-2A	\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B, C]
H-2B	\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B, C]
H-3	\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B, C]
H-4	\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3] [B, C]
I	\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B, C]
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
L-1	\$315.00	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3] [B, C]
L-2	\$315.00	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [3] [B, C]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A

O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
R-1	\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B][C]
R-2	\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B, C]
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

[A] Personnel of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs traveling on official business may receive visas valid for 24 months. Personnel of all other government agencies traveling on official business and holding official or diplomatic passports may only receive visas valid for 12 months, multiple entries.

[B] TIERED FEE SCHEDULE:

NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
\$115.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
L VISA ONLY	\$315.00	MULTIPLE 24 MONTHS

[C] No reciprocity fee is charged for all children 16 and under regardless of visa category.

[D] Close family members (children, including stepchildren and adopted children, parents, siblings, spouses' parents and siblings, grandchildren and grandparents) of personnel assigned on a permanent basis to diplomatic missions, consular posts and international organizations are not charged a reciprocity fee.

[E] No reciprocity fee is charged for persons traveling for the purpose of rendering humanitarian assistance, participation in scientific exchange programs, athletes participating in athletic events and accompanying staff, artists, persons participating in cultural exchange programs, and parents or guardians accompanying children for medical treatment.

## **SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES**

### **Nonofficial Travel**

*(TL:VISA-258; 04-10-2001)*

None.

### **Official Travel**

#### **“VISAS BEAR” SAO Requests**

*(TL:VISA-287; 05-29-2001)*

The cases of official and diplomatic visa applicants who otherwise require Security Advisory Opinions (Dpt-00 CLASS entries, possible ineligibility under INA 212(a)(3), etc.) must be submitted by means of a VISAS BEAR telegram unless the VISAS PEGASUS procedure applies. (See below.)

#### **“VISAS PEGASUS” Name Check Requests**

*(TL:VISA-161; 02-21-1997)*

Kazakhstan nationals who are DPT-00 CLASS entries and who are coming to attend pre-ministerial, ministerial, pre-summit, summit, and White House meetings may be issued visas on a post check basis provided that a “VISAS PEGASUS” telegram is sent immediately to the Department.

## **DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS**

### **General**

*(TL:VISA-399; 04-24-2002)*

Civil documents, except as noted below, are generally available in the Republic of Kazakhstan. On December 30, 2000, Kazakhstan joined the Hague Convention on Abolishing the Requirement of Legalization for Foreign Public Documents, which eliminated the process of Kazakhstani officials' signature authentication and authorized certain state bodies to provide apostilles. The apostille is accepted in all countries that are parties to the Hague Convention. Documents that over rule an apostille need not

be authenticated by an U.S. consular officer for use in the United States. In the United States, Kazakhstan documents can be requested through the Embassy of Kazakhstan, 1401 – 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC, 20036. Some civil records were destroyed during World War II and may not be available. Local authorities, generally, will issue a certificate to that effect, although the process may take months. A replacement statement of identity is also available from local authorities when the birth certificate is unavailable.

## **Police Clearance Information**

*(TL:VISA-417; 05-28-2002)*

Available. An official document is obtainable from the Center of Justice Statistics and Information under the General Prosecutor's Office (CJSI). Kazakhstani citizens, residents (or their confidential agents) can request this document by applying directly to the Center of Justice Statistics at the following address:

Jeltoksan  
Street 189,  
Almaty, 480099, Kazakhstan

At the time of application, they need to present identification or a residence card. Prior Kazakhstani residents, who now live in countries different from the Republic of Kazakhstan, should apply at Kazakhstani diplomatic missions abroad. Third parties (embassies, consulates, etc.) can apply by diplomatic note only. The issued certificate shows:

- (1) If a criminal record exists (and the articles of law involved);
- (2) If a person has been reported missing and/or wanted;
- (3) If a person is under investigation.

Negative information is searched by: last name (or any name previously used), first name, DOB and POB. According to the Kazakhstani Criminal Code, criminal conviction can be sealed upon the completion of a sentence, nevertheless, the certificate will reflect the criminal record history. The certificate can be stamped with 3 types of stamps. In most cases, when an individual has a "clean" record, the certificate is marked with "no record found" ("svedeniy net") date and name stamps; special attention must be paid to a square-framed "information checked by #2" ("anyktama bergen #2) stamp which hits at a sealed criminal record in the past. Some records go back as far as 55 years. Records available in Russian language only. Fee: 600 KZT (USD 4). Paper archive records were computerized; therefore, processing time is reportedly a maximum of five business days.

## **Court Record**

*(TL:VISA-417; 05-28-2002)*

Court records are available to the individual for use in Kazakhstan, but authorities may refuse certification to permit the export of some court records.

## **Military Record**

*(TL:VISA-417; 05-28-2002)*

Individuals who have served in the military are issued a military service document (voyenniy билет) which contains information on the length of service and circumstances of discharge. If the military service document is lost, a replacement certificate can be issued, by Voenkomat, which has jurisdiction over an applicant's most recent place of residence. Note, all documents connected with service in the Armed Forces must be surrendered before a permanent exit stamp can be issued in the passport of a person taking up permanent residence abroad. However, an appropriate substitute certificate is available.

## **Birth, Marriage, Divorce and Death Certificates**

*(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)*

Available from the Offices of Registration of Civil Events (ZAGS).

## **Kazakhstan Internal Residence Documents**

*(TL:VISA-161; 02-21-1997)*

There are four types of documents with which a person may reside in Kazakhstan: (1) Internal passport (Sovietskiy passport). An "internal" passport providing identity information and specifying a residence address is still mandatory for Kazakhstan citizens over the age of 16; (2) Temporary certification from the Offices of Internal Affairs in lieu of passport (spravka); (3) Foreigner's residence permit (Vid na Zhitel'stvo dlya Inostrantsa); and (4) Residence permit for stateless persons (vid na zhitel'stvo dlya lits bez grazhdanstva). Each of these documents is surrendered when a person is allowed to leave Kazakhstan for permanent residence abroad.

## **Kazakhstan Travel Documents**

*(TL:VISA-422; 06-04-2002)*

Available. There are three types of Kazakhstan travel documents or External passports: (1) diplomatic (diplomaticheskii); (2) official (sluzhebnyi); and (3) regular (obshche-grazhdanskiy). The first two types of passports are always issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Almaty. The third may also be issued by the Offices of Visas and Registration of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (OVIR). All Kazak travel documents should contain the re-registration stamp: "Citizen of the Republic of Kazakhstan" (Grazhdanin Respubliki Kazakhstan). Passports without such a stamp are invalid. A Kazakhstan exit visa is required only for bearers of regular (obshchegrazhdanskiy) passports.

Persons emigrating from Kazakhstan are not permitted by local law to retain their Kazakhstan citizenship once they become citizens of another country.

## **VISA ISSUING POSTS**

*(TL:VISA-258; 04-10-2001)*

Almaty (E)                      NIV (except K)

Immigrant visa applications for Nationals of Kazakhstan are processed by the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, Russia.

## **GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED**

*(TL:VISA-161; 02-21-1997)*

All of Kazakhstan.